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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN ELECTIONS: US POLICY

REF: (A) SANTO DOMINGO 2904, (B) STATE 40319

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS HIGHLY GRATIFIED WITH PRFSTIDENT  
BALAGUER'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO ANTONIO GUZMAN,  
IMPLICITLY RECOGNIZING GUZMAN'S VICTORY IN THE PRESIDENTIAL  
ELECTIONS. WE ARE ALSO HEARTENED BY THE VARIOUS OTHER  
INDICATIONS THAT BALAGUER APPEARS PREPARED TO RESPECT  
THE ELECTION RESULTS.

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2. WHILE PRESIDENT BALAGUER DESERVES CREDIT FOR HIS  
ACTIONS RESOLVING THE MILITARY INTERVENTION, WE  
BELIEVE THE EMBASSY'S EXCELLENT SUSTAINED EFFORTS DURING  
MAY 17-19, TOGETHER WITH THE VARIOUS EXPRESSIONS OF  
INTERNATIONAL CONCERN, MAY WELL HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL  
IN HELPING TO TURN THE SITUATION AROUND. THE DEPARTMENT,

LIKE THE EMBASSY, REJECTS CHARGES OF U.S. INTERVENTIONISM. OUR INTEREST IN THE EVENTS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAS BEEN IN THE OBSERVANCE OF DEMOCRACY. THE USG WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE ITS VIEWS AND POSITIONS ON THAT SUBJECT KNOWN AS FORCEFULLY AS NEEDED. APART FROM OUR BILATERAL INTERESTS, RESPECT FOR THE ELECTIONS AND AN ORDERLY,

PEACEFUL TRANSITION OF POWER IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT FOR DEMOCRATIZATION EFFORTS ELSEWHERE IN THE HEMISPHERE.

3. DOMINICAN MILITARY ATTITUDES ARE STILL A MATTER OF CONCERN HERE. WE ARE THINKING SPECIFICALLY OF THE DEEP-SEATED HOSTILITY OF SOME OFFICERS TOWARD THE PRD, THE CONTINUED EFFORTS OF SOME HARD RIGHT-WING POLITICAL ELEMENTS TO DISCREDIT THE MAY 16 ELECTIONS WITH CHARGES OF MASSIVE FRAUD (DESPITE BALAGUER'S STATEMENT THAT THE ELECTIONS WERE CLEAN), AND THE RECENT DEMONSTRATED WILLINGNESS OF SOME OFFICERS TO USE FORCE TO INTERRUPT THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES, ALTHOUGH ALL REPORTS NOW INDICATE THAT MOST DOMINICAN MILITARY OFFICERS WILL RESPECT THE ELECTION RESULTS.

4. THE DEPARTMENT ASSUMES ALL ELEMENTS OF THE U.S. MISSION ARE CONTINUING TO KEEP DISCREET BUT FIRM PRESSURE ON THE DOMINICAN MILITARY.  
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FROM ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US FROM MANY SOURCES, INCLUDING THE OAS OBSERVERS, THE USG BELIEVES THAT THE MAY 16 ELECTIONS REPRESENTED THE FREE EXPRESSION OF THE WILL OF THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE. THE DOMINICAN MILITARY AND HARD RIGHT-WING ELEMENTS SHOULD BE LEFT IN NO DOUBT ABOUT THE CURRENT U.S. POSITION THAT IF DEMOCRACY SHOULD AGAIN BE THREATENED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC UNDER ANY PRETEXT, THAT ACTION WOULD HAVE THE MOST SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR U.S.-DOMINICAN RELATIONS. DEPARTMENT IS USING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THIS POSITION CLEAR, AS IN HEWITT CONVERSATION WITH PICHARDO.

5. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON FURTHER INITIATIVES WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN TO UNDERSCORE OUR CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO SEEING THAT THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 16 ELECTIONS AND DOMINICAN CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES ARE RESPECTED. VANCE

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